



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 28, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Amendment To The Recreational Vehicle Safe Parking Program Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with the New Beginnings Counseling Center (NBCC) increasing the number of permits issued in City-operated parking lots for the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Safe Parking Program (Program) from fourteen to twenty-five spaces, and maintain the current funding.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Program was started in 2003 as a part of NBCC's Homeless Outreach Program, to take people off the streets at night and onto safe locations for overnight parking on church and non-profit agency lots, with the goal of eventually transitioning them into permanent housing.

In August 2005, the City entered into an agreement with NBCC to provide five parking spaces at the City's Carrillo Street Commuter Lot. In 2007, the program was expanded. Three additional spaces, each, at the Carrillo Lot, the Garden Street Visitor Center Lot (Garden Street Lot), and the Cota Commuter Lot, were added to the program. On August 21, 2007, Council approved the allocation of \$36,420 from the General Fund to NBCC to hire additional staff to monitor the Program and provide outreach services to the clients. On August 21, 2007, funding was increased to \$43,500 to cover higher monitoring costs.

Current Status

NBCC has successfully abided by the terms of the agreement; minimizing impacts to parking lot operations. During the first year of the Program, except for one resident, staff has not received any complaints from the public or any reports from the Police Department regarding non-compliance with any terms of the agreement.

Recently, NBCC's applicant waiting list has exceeded the number of available parking spaces. Therefore, NBCC has requested additional spaces in the City-operated parking lots; two additional spaces in the Garden Street Lot, two additional spaces in the Carrillo Commuter Lot, and seven additional spaces in the Cota Commuter Lot. These additional parking spaces bring the total number of parking spaces to the maximum that these three parking lots can safely accommodate without adversely impacting parking operations and public safety.

The Harbor Commission and the Downtown Parking Committee have agreed with staff's recommendation to increase the number of parking spaces available for the Program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends amending the existing agreement with NBCC to increase the number of permits issued in the City-operated parking lots to a total of 25 spaces.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT

Funding for the Program is in the Council approved Fiscal Year 2010 Downtown Parking budget.

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